

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> Consent Agenda	<b>ORIGINATING DEPT:</b> Administration	<b>ITEM NO.</b> D-11
<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b> Request for Funding / R.A.D.A.R.		<b>PREPARED BY:</b> S. Kvenvold
<p>R.A.D.A.R. is requesting \$1,200 in funding for their third annual 9-Ball Classic at the Civic Center (see attached). The requested funding would offset the room rental rates to be paid to the Civic Center.</p> <p>The City provided funding in 2002.</p> <p><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:</u></p> <p>Request a motion appropriating \$1,200 from the 2003 Contingency Account for the R.A.D.A.R. 9-Ball Classic.</p>		
<b>COUNCIL ACTION:</b> Motion by: _____ Second by: _____ to: _____		

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## R.A.D.A.R.

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Greetings:

Many things continue to happen with RADAR and its many programs. January of this year, RADAR hosted its Third Annual RADAR 9-Ball Classic at the Mayo Civic Center here in Rochester. The RADAR 9-Ball Classic Tournament is sanctioned through the National Wheelchair Poolplayer's Association.

I would like to relay a short story about one player in the 2001 tournament from Rochester. He came on Friday to the workshop to learn about 9-Ball, new skills and general play. After a bit of instruction and meeting with a couple of the National Wheelchair 9-Ball Team members, he started working on his skills, techniques, and practicing the pointers that were given him. This individual stayed at the site, practicing on his own and playing in a few matches against others until the room closed for the night. The next morning he arrived at registration and registered to become a member of the Association and to play in the tournament. This individual had not played mush pool since his accident several years earlier, especially not competitively, so this was a large step for him. All the seasoned players were very helpful and assisted him through out the tournament. Out of the 26 registered players, he placed in the 9-12 Tie bracket and went home with a \$125 prize check. The entry fee for the tournament is \$50 per person, so it was a considerable win. Not only did he go home with the prize check, but also with confidence in new skills, excitement, and a commitment to play in the 2002 tournament, with the hopes of finishing even higher in the brackets. This is an opportunity that he probably would have never had taken advantage of, if this tournament and workshop had not been held or available to him.

This tournament again brought together players from all across the country to play in the first tournament of the year. Twenty-six players were registered with twenty-four competing for a total of \$5,000 in prize money and trophies. Players came from as close as Rochester, Stewartville, & Winona; and as far away as Atlanta GA, Garden Grove & Grass Valley CA, and Tampa FL. Many came from the warmer climates to participate in this tournament held here in Rochester.

The best part of the tournament is that it gave individuals from the Midwest, including the individual that I spoke of earlier, an opportunity to play in a national tournament with out having to travel far. Many of the other tournaments are held on either cost, or in the southern part of the states, which entails much more travel. Several of the regional players, had been members of the NWSA for some time, but were unable to compete in any of the other tournaments, due to the travel distance and expense.

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The RADAR 9-Ball Classic continues to be the first sanctioned tournament of the new year and has been designated as the first in a series of the three tournaments established as the "Triple Crown" of wheelchair pool tournaments. The designation of being one of the "Triple Crown" tournaments was given to three tournaments with a total of \$5,000 or more in prize money. This is quite an honor for a relatively new tournament.

Proudly, we write this to you today, to let you know that plans currently are being made for the 2003 tournament. Our goal is to have a full 32-player field for the main tournament. Again, as an added challenge, plans are to have several "mini-tournaments" that the players will be able to participate in when they are not playing in the other tournament. These "mini-tournaments" are open participation by anyone. These will be an additional way to raise funds for this event, but will also give the players and opportunity to be matched up with other players that they may not meet in the main tournament.

The successes of the past three tournaments were accomplished due to the wonderful support of the RADAR Board of Directors, and so many local groups and businesses, which supported them. We would like to take this time to thank you for your support of the past events and the opportunity to tell you the story of the local player who joined in at the last moment in the 2001 tournament. We would like to request your support to make this next tournament another success and to offer the same opportunity to others. Currently, there are several individuals already registered for the workshop and have been practicing and preparing to possibly be ready to participate.

Enclosed for you to review is a folder of information on the past three events, along with photographs. The past three years, the City of Rochester supported this opportunity and event, in the amount of the costs of the rental of the Ballroom at the Mayo Civic Center in the amount of \$1,260. For the 2003 event we are moving to the Radisson Plaza Hotel - Ballroom. This will assist in allowing players an opportunity to return to their rooms to rest or tend to other issues between rounds. We will be more consolidated. With the movement of the D&R tournament, we moved in an effort to attract more visibility for our players.

Please take a moment to consider the possibility of the City's continued support to assist in this opportunity. If you would be so kind, it would be greatly appreciated if you would take it to the City Council for discussion, review and our hopes, approval of support in the amount of the estimated room rental of \$1,200. Once a decision is made, a letter or some notice of approval / commitment would be greatly appreciated.

Please review the enclosed information and contact me with any questions, concerns, or to discuss your options for support of this event. Thank you for your time and consideration of your support for this tournament. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

  
Loretta Verbout

RADAR Executive Director

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